

Environmental Committee/State of Connecticut

I am writing in support of Bill 5583 allowing the town of East Haddam to draw down the water in Bashan Lake each fall to prevent damage to stone walls and docks.

Property owners have invested heavily on stone walls and drawing the lake down a few feet each Fall is crucial to prevent damage from ice. For many years some of our own residents monitored the drawdown-opening and closing the dam as needed. This worked out very efficiently.

Property owners very recently came up with thousands of dollars in a short period of time to help treat the overload of weeds from the recent 18 ft. drawdown to repair the dam. Proof that the residents are truly concerned about what happens to Bashan Lake.

This is a serious environmental issue. Please give this Bill careful consideration.

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